

CHAPTER NO. 117

HOUSE BILL NO. 1342

By Representatives Hargrove, Maddox, Baird

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1387

By Senator Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to the commissioner of health requesting a waiver of the residence requirement for aliens to practice medicine in underserved areas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The commissioner of health is empowered to promulgate public necessity rules and regulations pursuant to a waiver of the foreign residence requirement with respect to an alien who agrees to practice medicine in a federally-designated underserved area of the state of Tennessee in accordance with the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Technical Corrections Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-416) as amended. Based upon criteria to be determined by the commissioner, the public necessity rules could establish the types and numbers of primary care and specialty providers and could designate priority areas of the state for placement of aliens who meet the requirements of the federal law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 28, 2003


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATEAPPROVED this 12th day of May 2003
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR